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## EMPEROR PENGUIN QUEST - EXPEDITION TO SNOW HILL - ANTARCTIC PENINSULA CRUISE

Quark Expeditions has brought more travelers to the remote, 8,000-strong Emperor penguin colony at Snow Hill than any other operator. In fact, we were the first company to do so in 2004. Our 14-day "Emperor Penguin Quest: Expedition to Snow Hill" is a once-in-a-lifetime adventure that delivers one of the most jaw-dropping wildlife experiences imaginable. Bonus: two heli-flightseeing and one heli-landing are included. Our technologically-advanced Ultramarine was built for this type of challenging journey. Trust us to get you there.



### ITINERARY

Day 1: Arrive in Buenos Aires, Argentina

Upon arriving in this fascinating city, known for its architecture and rich European heritage, you will independently transfer to your group hotel (pre-expedition hotel night included in your Charter Flight and Hotel Package).

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## Day 2: Fly to Ushuaia and Embark

After an early breakfast at the hotel, your group will transfer to the airport and board our private charter flight to Ushuaia, Argentina, which is also part of your Charter Flight and Hotel Package. Upon arrival, you will be transferred from the airport to a central downtown location to enjoy time on your own to explore quaint Ushuaia--the world's southernmost city--before making your way to the pier. After a late afternoon embarkation, we will sail along the historic Beagle Channel, which transects the Tierra del Fuego archipelago in the extreme south of South America. Enjoy the air of anticipation as you depart--the next land you see will be the Antarctic.

## Day 3 & 4: Crossing the Drake Passage

The unpredictable and exciting Drake Passage, which lies at the confluence of the Pacific, the Atlantic and the Southern oceans, is an adventure unto itself. While being well taken care of by our expert onboard staff and expedition team, you'll have plenty of time to gaze out at the expansive ocean waters, photograph seabirds as they swoop around the ship, and get to know your Expedition Team and fellow travelers.

## Day 5: Navigating into the Weddell Sea

Onboard presentations by worldrespected experts will enrich your polar quest, conveying what it was like a century ago for the brave polar heroes who embraced the unknown. You'll also learn more about the icedwelling Emperor penguins.

## Day 6 to 10: Weddell Sea and the quest to land at Snow Hill

The journey toward Snow Hill Island will put you in explorer mode as the captain and Expedition Leader keep you updated through weather briefings, meteorological and sea ice condition reports. The thickness of ice will determine how close Ultramarine can get to Snow Hill Island, then our twinengine helicopters will take over. Like summiting a mountain from base camp, parties will set out from Ultramarine towards the Emperor penguin colony. As experienced by the our guests who visited Snow Hill Island with us in November 2023 on not one but two voyages, the adventure begins with an

extended helicopter transfer that will reveal a landscape of snow-capped peaks and apartment-building-sized tabular icebergs. The rookery itself is located on the sea ice off the south coast of Snow Hill Island and the landing will be as close to the penguins as possible, yet at a safe distance to avoid disturbing the birds. Upon landing, your party will walk across the ice to the fabled Emperor penguin colony. The wind. The ice beneath your feet. Walking next to paths in the snow carved by penguins that came before. And then there are the incredible sounds of the penguins in the distance as you march toward one of the rarest wildlife opportunities on the planet: the colony of approximately 8,000 rarely-seen Emperor penguins. The goal of the expedition is to get every guest to the remote colony at least once. The Expedition Team and special experts will be close by to answer your questions and ensure you take in everything there is to see. Guests on our November 2023 voyages were able to observe close up how the Emperor penguins behave as a tight-knit community, how they care for their young, and how they body surf across the ice in a way that can only be described as quirky yet efficient. The helicopter expedition in search of the Emperor colony might just be the adventure of a lifetime. And while at base on Ultramarine with your attentive Expedition Team, you'll be immersed each day in the polar experience of the Weddell Sea. Daily activities can include Zodiac cruising among the icebergs, paddle-on-top kayaking, or working with our team to observe the weather forecasting and ship operations up close. A particularly enriching component of your voyage will be the bespoke educational programs tailored specifically for this expedition that offer both traditional (lecture format) and hands-on opportunities for learning about this fascinating region. Each day our polar experts, who include penguin scientists, biologists and polar historians, will present on various aspects of Emperor penguins and their behaviors, ice formations such as the tabular icebergs which you'll see from the deck of your ship, and the experiences of polar explorers who braved the Weddell Sea over a century ago. Or you might, on one of these days, decide to take the polar plunge, or test your balance on a stand-up paddleboard. Then again, maybe you'll enjoy a little pampering. If so, you can choose from Ultramarine's excellent onboard amenities, including the spa, sauna and fitness room. The Emperor penguin colony at Snow Hill is the goal of this expedition. However, if weather or ice conditions prevent us from visiting the colony or shorten the duration of our visit, we may explore some other sites. Your possible landings in Antarctica will take place on the eastern side of the Peninsula, which is an extension of the Transantarctic Mountains and is the most northern stretch of Antarctic land.

## Day 11 to 13: Cruising

The journey back across the Drake Passage provides a final opportunity to



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enjoy the invigorating Southern Ocean air. Spend time on the deck watching for seabirds and scouting for whales, enjoy presentations by your Expedition Team, and celebrate the experiences you've shared getting off the beaten track in the remarkable world of Antarctica.

## Day 14: Disembark in Ushuaia and Fly to Buenos Aires

You will arrive in Ushuaia in the morning and disembark after breakfast. Your Charter Flight and Hotel Package includes a transfer to the airport for the return group charter flight to Buenos Aires.

Please note:

Itineraries are subject to change.



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## YOUR SHIP: ULTRAMARINE

<b>YOUR SHIP:</b>	<b>Ultramarine</b>
<b>VESSEL TYPE:</b>	<b>Expedition Ship</b>
<b>LENGTH:</b>	<b>128 metres</b>
<b>PASSENGER CAPACITY:</b>	<b>199</b>
<b>BUILT/REFURBISHED:</b>	<b>2019-2020</b>

The Ultramarine is a next-generation polar expedition ship designed to push the boundaries of exploration and comfort. Carrying up to 199 guests, this advanced vessel features two twin-engine helicopters that open access to rarely visited polar regions and breathtaking aerial perspectives. With its expansive wraparound deck, spacious suites, and more outdoor viewing areas than any other ship in its class, Ultramarine offers an unmatched sense of connection with the surrounding landscapes. Its design balances adventure and elegance, featuring stylish lounges, an impressive theatre, two gourmet dining venues, a tranquil spa and sauna with panoramic windows, and a fully equipped fitness centre. Every detail of the ship is crafted for immersive, luxurious discovery in the world's most remote environments.

Setting a new standard in sustainable exploration, Ultramarine is equipped with cutting-edge environmental technology, including the Micro Auto Gasification System (MAGS), which converts waste into energy, and an industry-leading operational range of 40 days. With four embarkation points and an internal Zodiac hangar for faster landings, guests spend more time adventuring and less time waiting. From heli-hiking and

exclusive landings to relaxed evenings in the glass-enclosed Panorama Lounge, Ultramarine combines thrilling exploration with exceptional comfort—delivering the ultimate polar expedition experience.



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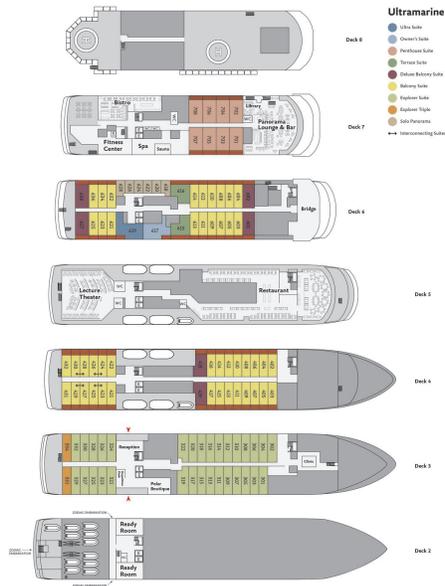
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## INSIDE YOUR SHIP



Balcony Suite



Deluxe Balcony Suite



Explorer Suite



Explorer Triple



Owner's Suite



Penthouse Suite



Solo Panorama



Terrace Suite



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## PRICING

### 03-Nov-2026 to 16-Nov-2026

Explorer Triple	35255 AUD pp
Explorer Suite	41105 AUD pp
Balcony Suite	44975 AUD pp
Deluxe Balcony Suite	52805 AUD pp
Terrace Suite	54785 AUD pp
Penthouse Suite	58655 AUD pp
Solo Panorama	62165 AUD pp
Owner's Suite	72245 AUD pp
Ultra Suite	80075 AUD pp

### 15-Nov-2026 to 28-Nov-2026

Explorer Triple	35255 AUD pp
Explorer Suite	41105 AUD pp
Balcony Suite	44975 AUD pp
Deluxe Balcony Suite	52805 AUD pp
Terrace Suite	54785 AUD pp
Penthouse Suite	58655 AUD pp
Solo Panorama	62165 AUD pp
Owner's Suite	72245 AUD pp
Ultra Suite	80075 AUD pp

### 16-Nov-2027 to 29-Nov-2027

Explorer Triple	33680 AUD pp
Explorer Suite	39152 AUD pp
Balcony Suite	42829 AUD pp
Deluxe Balcony Suite	50353 AUD pp
Terrace Suite	52148 AUD pp
Penthouse Suite	55910 AUD pp
Solo Panorama	59245 AUD pp
Owner's Suite	68906 AUD pp
Ultra Suite	76259 AUD pp

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## SPECIAL OFFERS

Online prices reflect current special offers and may vary based on demand. This promotion is time limited and subject to availability. Terms and conditions apply. For more information, please contact us.

### Optional extras & upgrades

#### Stand-up Paddleboarding

Stand-up Paddleboarding, popularly known as SUPing, originated in Hawaii. Quark Expeditions is the first company to bring this watersport all the way to Antarctica.

#### Paddling Excursion

Glide through the pristine polar waters in a sit-on-top, two-person, inflatable kayak for an unforgettable experience in the Arctic and Antarctic wilderness. These stable, rugged and comfortable crafts are an ideal way to see the polar regions from a different perspective. Experienced guides will lead you safely throughout the paddling excursion. Your group will always be escorted by an additional safety driver who will stay close by to provide additional support.



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